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LOOK, STU-- IT'S HALT, BARBY AND THAT FAR OUT FOX NAMED *TAILS!*

BUT HOW'D THEY FIND US? AND WHO'S THE SPINY *BLUE* GUY?

THE NAME'S SONIC THE HEDGE-HOG... AND WE'LL EXPLAIN EVERY-THING AFTER WE *TRASH* THESE FLAT-TAILED FREAKS!

OH MY SIGNAL EVERYBODY ...*NOW!*

* The DFF first appeared in the highly acclaimed TAILS 5-issue mini-series -- JFG

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POW

THROP

SMAK

YOU SAY THESE ARE **DUCKBILLS?** THEY SEEM MORE LIKE **DUCKPINS** TO ME!

=ISK-ISK= I FORGOT TO WIPE MY FEET!

CH-CHAMM

CHOP

LADIES CHOICE BOYS... AND I CHOOSE TO PUT YOU DOWN!

WHOOSH

TODAY'S FORECAST-- **HIGH WINDS!**

NICE JOB, DUDES!

ESPECIALLY TAILS!

AW, SHUCKS, MA'AM... JUST DOIN' MUH JOB...

STAND BY, BOYS... I'M GONNA CUT YOU **FREE.** READY, WALT?

HURRRM-- YEAH...

YOU'RE FREE AS A BIRD--Er --AND A WOMBAT!

FREE AT LAST!

GOOD TO SEE YOU TWO!

HAVE YOU SEEN BILL?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING BACK HERE?

HOW LONG WERE WE--

I SAW YOU ON THE POST CARD--*

SONIC--COME MEET MY FRIENDS!

WAIT A MINUTE!

*Seen in SONIC SUPER SPECIAL#4-JFG

LET'S BRING EVERYBODY UP TO SPEED BY STARTING AT THE BEGINNING. THAT WOULD BE RIGHT AFTER THE FINAL COMBOT CLASH...

"AS WE TOLD YOU ON THE POST CARD WE SENT AFTER YOUR FRIENDS BUNNIE RABBOT AND ANTOINE D'COOLETTE STOWED AWAY ON ROBOTNIK'S SUPPLY BLIMP, OUR FINAL BATTLE WENT WELL.

"GROCBOT'S ARMY OF COMBOTS WAS DESTROYED. ALTHOUGH WE DIDN'T RECOVER OUR OLD ENEMY'S ENTIRE BODY, WE FOUND ENOUGH ***PIECES*** OF HIM TO ***ASSUME*** HE WAS GONE FOR GOOD."

"THE MASSIVE CLEANUP OF THE CRATER BEGAN. WE WERE DETERMINED TO REMOVE ALL TRACES OF THE PRISON CAMP AND RETURN IT TO PRISTINE CONDITION. AT FIRST THINGS WENT WELL..."

"BUT THEN, FOR NO APPARENT REASON, DUCK 'BILL' PLATYPUS SUDDENLY TOOK OFF AND WENT ***RENEGADE!*** IT WAS ***TOTALLY*** UNCOOL."

"NOT LONG AFTER THAT, THE RAIDS BEGAN. OUR FORMER TEAMMATE WAS SEEN LEADING A GUERILLA BAND OF WILD DUCKBILLS. NIGHT AFTER NIGHT, THEY ATTACKED THE CRATER SITE, RUINING OUR RECONSTRUCTION JOB."

"OUR VOLUNTEER WORK FORCE BEGAN TO QUIT. THE SITUATION WAS TOO DANGEROUS SO I SHUT THE PROJECT DOWN"

CLOSED

"SOON, WE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM BILL, ASKING GURU AND I TO MEET HIM HERE IN THE OUTBACK. HE SAID HE WAS WILLING TO NEGOTIATE AN END TO THE HOSTILITIES. AFTER DISCUSSING IT, WE AGREED TO GO."

"BUT HIS OFFER WAS MEGA-BOGUS! WE WERE *AMBUSHED* AND LOOPED UP IN THOSE CAGES YOU JUST FREED US FROM!"

"GURU AND STU WERE LONG OVERDUE. WALT AND I WERE ABOUT TO GO SEARCHING FOR THEM WHEN TAILS AND SONIC ARRIVED UNEXPECTEDLY."

"TAILS AND I HAVE BEEN ADVENTURING TOGETHER LATELY. SINCE WE WERE IN THE AREA, THE NEW MOBOTROPOLIS POSTWAR COUNCIL HAD ASKED US TO STOP HERE AND ASSESS THE SITUATION AT THE CRATER. NEEDLESS TO SAY, YOU GUYS NEEDED HELP."

"WITH A LITTLE AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE, WE PICKED UP YOUR TRAIL AND WENT ON A WALKABOUT, TRACKING YOU TO THIS LOCATION."

LET'S SPLIT THIS SCENE AND FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH DUCK "BILL" PLATYPUS!

YOU BET ... COME ON TAILS!

FOLLOW ME, FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

HEY, HEDGEHOG-- I GIVE THE ORDERS HERE IN DOWNUNDA... FOLLOW ***ME***, FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

BE CAREFUL OF THE HANGING MOSS, TAILS!

HMF!

KEEP YOUR EYES FRONT AND STAY ALERT, WANNABEE!

THAT'S "WALLABEE" HEDGEHOG!

OKAY, MR WALLABEEHEDGEHOG ... GET YOUR MIND RIGHT!

KNOCK IT OFF YOU TWO... AND HUSH! I HEARD SOMETHING!

I'LL LAND SO MY WHIRRING TAILS DON'T MAKE ANY NOISE.

SHHH... THEY'RE COMING THIS WAY...

LOOK OUT, BARBY!
WHOA! THANKS, GURU!
YOU SLOW, GATOR BOY!
THWACK
HRASHH
BOP
THIS IS WHERE YOU GET OFF, MAN!
WHOOUF!
LISTEN UP, LITTLE BUDDY-- YOU PROP WHILE I BUZZ THE PERIMETER!
GOTCHA, SONIC!

HANG ON, EVERYONE! I'M TAKING U.S FROM ZERO TO FORTY KNOTS IN 7.3 SECONDS!

WHOA! GROOVY, MAN!

IMPRESSIVE!

LOOK! AROUND THAT BEND--

MEANWHILE, I'LL FORM A PROTECTIVE SHIELD TO KEEP THOSE CROCS AT BAY!

WOOSH

--THAT MUST BE DUCK "BILL'S" HIDEOUT!

Of course there's no report from the hostage site! And what's with the croc patrol? They could be here any second! What should I do?

I CAN SEE HIM!

AND I CAN HEAR HIM HE'S TALKING TO HIMSELF!

ON THREE, FREEDOM FIGHTERS... ONE - TWO

THREE! SHOW'S OVER BILLABONG!

OH DEAR HE LOOKS AWFUL!

Oh great. They're here! Now what do I do! ...Well?...Answer me!

OH MAN! BILL'S TOTALLY EXHAUSTED!

WHO WAS HE TALKING TO?

GNNNGH.

I CAN HEAR SOUNDS UNDERNEATH THE FLOOR ...MECHANICAL SOUNDS!

I SEE THE OUTLINE OF A TRAP DOOR-- STAND BACK, SISTER.

BIZZT CRACKLE

CROCBOT!

CURSE YOU - DZZZT - FREEDOM FIGHTERS..

- CRACKLE - MY PLAN ALMOST SUCCEEDED WHILE I HAD YOU DOWNUNDANS IN THE CRATER DETENTION CAMP I IMPLANTED A POST-HYPNOTIC MIND CONTROL DIODE BEHIND DUCK BILL'S EAR

WHEN HE FOUND MY REMAINS DURING THE CLEAN UP, THE VISUAL STIMULI INITIATED THE PROGRAMMING CHIP IN HIS HEAD. THAT'S WHY HE FLED FROM YOU HIS MIND NOW BELONGED TO HMMMM - ME

BILL'S FIRST TASK WAS TO CONNECT ME TO A POWER SOURCE SO I COULD INSTRUCT HIM. I THEN ORDERED HIM TO RAISE A DUCKBILL ARMY AND SEIZE THE CRATER SITE. - YAAP - AS YOU KNOW, HE SUCCEEDED!

HEH?, THEY WOULD SALVAGE COMBOT PARTS FROM THE SITE. I WOULD REASSEMBLE ONE AND HAVE IT REBUILD ME. - BZZZZZZT - SOON, I WOULD RISE TO POWER AGAIN AND HAVE MY REVENGE ON ALL OF YOU!

BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYWAY.. - FSSSSSSH - FOR WHEN THE BUNNYIP ARRIV--, blip -

HEY THAT'S MY DECISION TO MAKE!

AFRAID NOT MARSU-PAL!

I HAVE AUTHORIZATION FROM KING ACORN HIMSELF TO DISCONNECT AND CONFISCATE ANY AND ALL HOSTILE MECHANICAL DEVICES

WE DEFER TO THE KING. TAKE CROCBOT AWAY --AND GOOD RIDDANCE!

CIAO, DUDES! THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HELP!

I'LL MISS YOU, TAILS! Mmmwah!

SO LONG! KEEP IN TOUCH!

I'M GLAD THEY TOOK CROCBOT'S REMAINS WITH THEM BUT I'M STILL CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT OUR OLD ENEMY MENTIONED--

THE "BUNYIP"? THAT'S A MYTHOLOGICAL MONSTER FROM ABORIGINE CULTURE.

I'M SURE IT WAS JUST CROCBOT'S DAMAGED MIND MALFUNCTIONING AND HALLUCINATING!*

LET'S HOPE SO.

*What do YOU think? Could this be grounds for a OFF special or mini-series? Write to SONIC GRAMS and let us know! -- JFG

REALLY? GOSH I HOPE SO 'CAUSE I SURE WOULD LIKE TO SEE HER AGAIN!

MAN THAT WALLABOY WAS SO JEALOUS OF THE WAY BARBY WAS HITTING ON YOU, TAILS! THAT KOALA CUTIE DIGS YOU, BUDDY!

The End

PIN-UP COLORING FUN BROUGHT TO YOU BY HARVEY "HARVO" MERCADOOCASIO!

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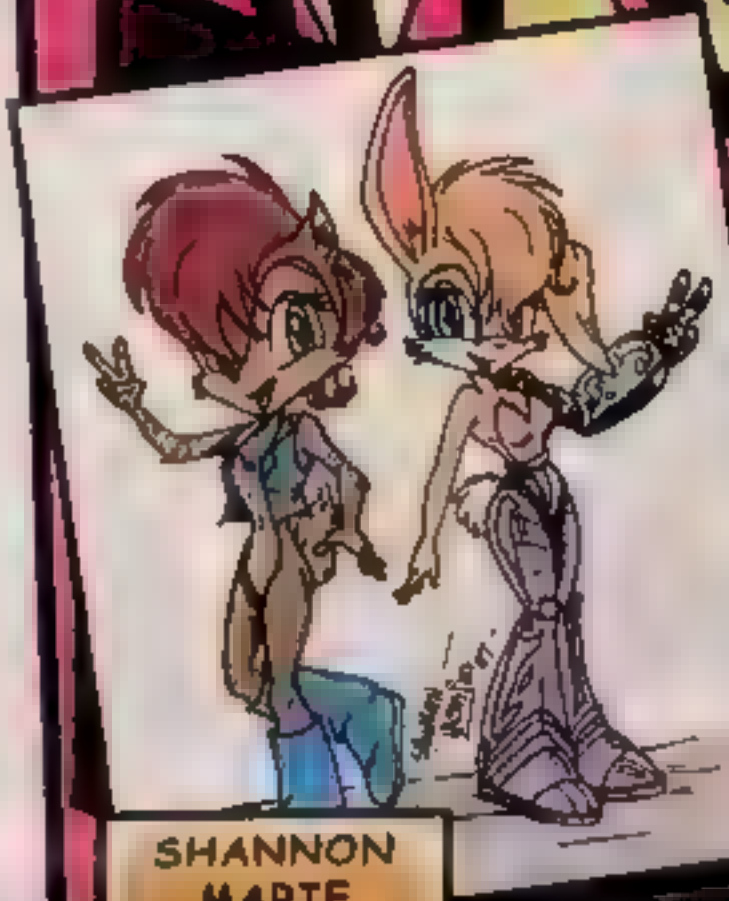

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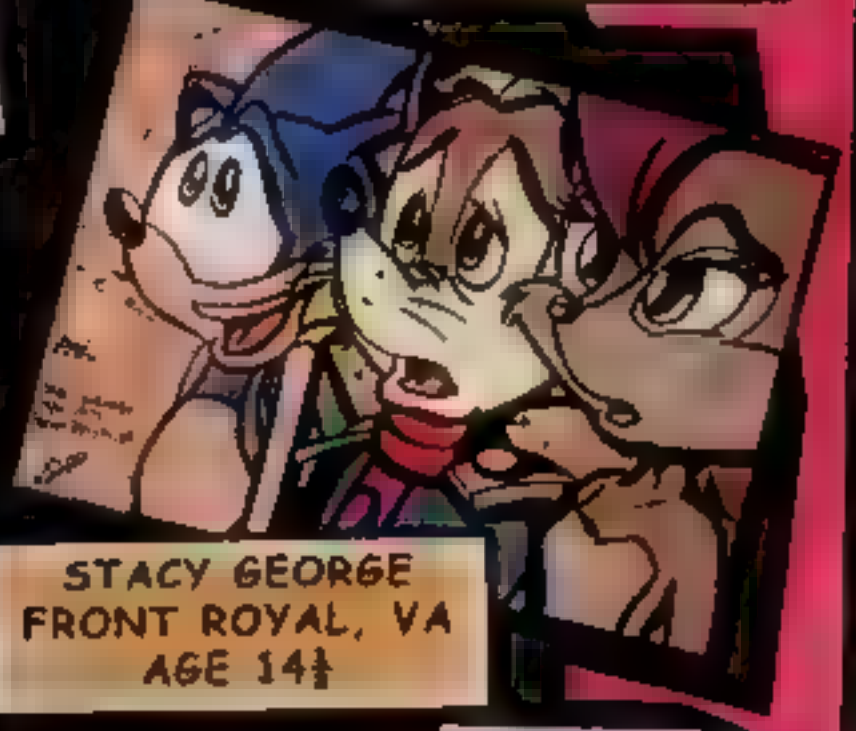

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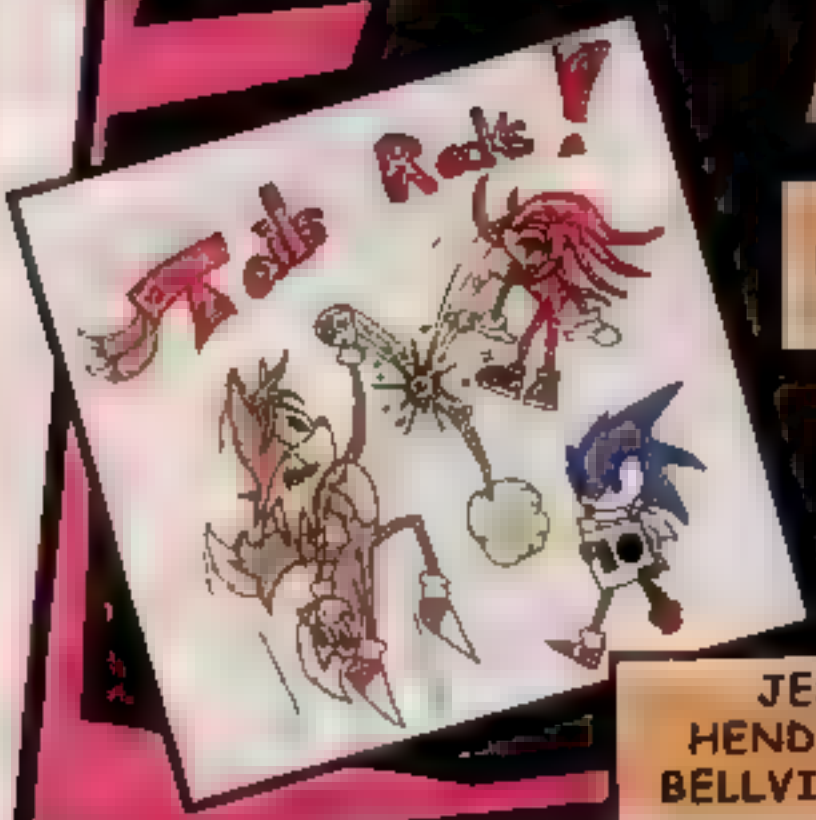

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I'M SURE **GLAD** WE'RE NOT CHASING THE EVIL WIZARD **IXIS NAUGHS** AROUND THE PLANET BY **BOAT, SONIC!** THIS OCEAN LOOKS REAL **ROUGH** IF YOU ASK **ME!**

DON'T **WORRY** ABOUT THE **WAVES, TAILS!** IN TWO **SECONDS** WE MIGHT REGRET TAKIN MY **BI-PLANE!**

WHY?

CHECK OUT THOSE **CLOUDS** UP AHEAD! FROM THE **NASTY** LOOK OF 'EM OUR **HANDS** ARE GONNA BE FULL JUST **FLYIN'** THESE UNFRIENDLY **SKIES!**

MAKE NO **MISTAKE**, L'IL BUDDY WE'RE DEFINITELY IN **FOR--**

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THIS GADGET MY UNCLE CHUCK HOOKED UP TO THE CONTROL PANEL BEFORE WE LEFT MOBOTROPOLIS IS SUPPOSED TO TRACK IXIS...

BUT THE TRAIL SUDDENLY SCATTERS FOR NO REASON!

HOLY HAYWIRE! WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH IT, SONIC?

COULD BE THE BAD WEATHER CAUSIN' SOME KINDA INTER-FERENCE!

CURSE THAT HEDGEHOG AND HIS FLEDGLING FOX! OF A COMPANION THEY DO NOT REALIZE THEY HAVE AT LAST FOUND ME

I NEVER SUSPECTED THEY'D FLASH ON A DEVICE CAPABLE OF DETECTING THE IONIC RESIDUE LEFT IN THE AIR BY MY SORCERY!

BAH! NO MATTER MY MAGICAL TRANSFORMATION INTO A CLOUD-BEING HAS CONFUSED THEIR FEEBLE INSTRU-MENTS LONG ENOUGH FOR ME TO DO--

--THIS!

WHUMP

AAAAHHHH!!
COOL T. SONIC!
TIME TO--
--GET A--
--GRIP--
--OR WE'RE BOTH TOAST!
SPLOSH

WHAT? IT'S THAT HEDGEHOG! HE STILL LIVES!

GULP

FWOOSH

YOU DID IT, SONIC!

I GUESS I DID, TAILS..

.. AND LOOK--WITH THOSE CLOUDS ALL CLEARED UP, I SEE LAND!

YEAH, SONIC?

AND TAILS?

WHO KNOWS WHAT KIND OF ADVENTURES ARE IN STORE FOR US THERE?

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT MONTH...

KA-THOOM

THAT WAS CUTTING IT CLOSE!

YOU ALL RIGHT, FLEMING?

DEACTIVATING ROBOTNIK'S LEFTOVER DEATH-TRAP S ONE THING!

BEING ABLE TO CARRY OUT ACTUAL FIELD ASSIGNMENTS IS ANOTHER.

I'M GETTING TOO OLD FOR THIS SON'

YOU STILL HAVE PLENTY ON THE BALL, FLEMING!

NOT ANYMORE!

I'VE BEEN WITH THE SECRET SERVICE SINCE YOUR DADDY WAS IN CHARGE--

--AND NOW IT LOOKS AS THOUGH MY TIME HAS COME AS WELL!
WITH THE RETIREMENT OF LIEUTENANT FLEMING FROM THE SERVICE--
--IT BEHOOVES YOU TO RECRUIT SOME VERY SPECIAL AGENTS!
THERE ARE NEW ENEMIES AND THREATS FACING THE REALM AND WE NEED TO BE READY FOR THEM!
I'M WELL AWARE OF IT, SIRE!
IS THERE ANYONE IN PARTICULAR YOU HAVE IN MIND?
Tales of the Freedom Fighters
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GEOFFREY ST. JOHN
ON HIS MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE
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YOU HAVE SERVED ME AS **WELL** AND ABLE AS YOUR **FATHER**, COMMANDER--

--SO I HAVE **FAITH** THAT ONCE YOU LEARN THE M SS ON **OBJECTIVE**, YOU L **SELECT** THE PROPER **CANDIDATES** FOR THE JOB!

"WH.CH IS--?"

PRETTY **SIMPLE** DIRECTIVES W TH VERY **BROAD** IMPLICATIONS!

DAD SAID **THIS** WOULD BE A **DIRTY** JOB! THE **ONLY** PART HE LEFT OUT--

"ASSEMBLE A **STRIKE FORCE** OF NO MORE THAN **FIVE** AGENTS CAPABLE OF **COVERT** ASSIGNMENTS INSIDE **FOREIGN** TERRITORIES."

YEP! THAT ABOUT **SUMS** IN UP IN A **NUT SHELL!**

"--IS THAT THEY'RE **ALL** DIRTY JOBS!"

THE FIRST THING I NEED IS A **SCOUT**, ONE WHO CAN **BLEND** IN UNDER **ANY** CONDIT ON!

THE **CANDIDATE** I'M LOOKING FOR CAN BE FOUND **HERE**--

--ON THE FLOATING ISLAND!"

HE COULD BE ANYWHERE!

HOWEVER, MY HANDY-DANDY FULL-SPECTRUM BINOCULARS WILL CUT DOWN ON THE GUESS-WORK!

BULLSEYE!

I BETTER ACT QUICK--

PACK

HEY!

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, MATE--

--AND I THOUGHT YOU'D BE UP FOR MORE FUN AND GAMES!

ESPIO WARNED ME ABOUT YOU, St JOHN!

ONCE A SECRET SERVICE OPERATIVE, ALWAYS AN OPERATIVE!

STILL, IT DOESN'T HURT TO RECRUIT NEW BLOOD EVERY NOW AND THEN!

HIM? HE'S A BABY!

"AGE ISN'T THE CONSIDERATION HERE, IT'S THE SKILLS HE BRINGS TO THE TEAM THAT I'M INTERESTED IN!"

THAT'S FUNNY! I COULD'VE SWORN I HEARD SOMETHING STRANGE A MOMENT AGO!

YOU HAVE GOOD EARS, MATE!

HUH?

WHO ARE YOU?

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

THE NAME IS St. JOHN--

GEOFFREY St. JOHN--OF HIS MAJESTY KING ACORN'S SECRET SERVICE--

--AND I'M LOOKING FOR A FEW RECRUITS INTERESTED IN ADVENTURE, PRESERVING THE KINGDOM--

YOU KNOW, THE USUAL!

INTERESTED?

WELLLLL--

IT HAS BEEN KINDA QUIET AROUND HERE SINCE CROCBOT WAS DEFEATED--"

"--SO, YEAH-- LIKE, I'M IN!

MOBOTROPOLIS DEAD AHEAD!

YOU MATES CHECK IN FOR THE NIGHT--

"Refer to the lead story-Justin

"--WHILE I TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS!"

HAVE A MOMENT TO SPARE, LUV?

OH, GEOFFREY!

DO COME IN!

WORKING ON ANYTHING IMPORTANT?

JUST COORDINATING VARIOUS WORK DETAILS ON REBUILDING THE CITY.

SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING A SWATBOT COULD DO!

PERHAPS, BUT PRINCESS SALLY NEEDED SOMEBODY TO DO IT AND I WAS AVAILABLE!

WHY? WHAT DID YOU HAVE IN MIND?

TAKE THIS, AND SHOW UP AT THE ARMORY TOMORROW MORNING!

WHAT ABOUT THE PRINCESS?

DON'T WORRY! I'LL SQUARE THINGS WITH HER!

THREE DOWN! JUST ONE MORE TO GO!

FINALLY A WEARY GEOFFREY DECIDES TO CALL IT A DAY...

I'M SURE AFTER A BIT OF REST, IT'LL HIT ME LIKE A BOMB OVER WHO THE LAST OPERATIVE SHOULD BE!

NEXT ISSUE: SPY SCHOOL!

SONIC-GRAMS #61

J. Freddy Gaberia
Editor

THIS JUST IN!

MEET SONIC'S NUMBER ONE FANS!

NEXT MONTH: SONIC AND TAILS ARE FORCED TO LAND IN THE FORCE-FIELD-COVERED DESERT TOWN OF **SAND BLAST CITY!** THERE THEY ENCOUNTER A GROUP OF **FREEDOM FIGHTERS** THAT TAKE HERO WORSHIP OF OUR BLUE BLUR TO NEW LEVELS! ALSO, SEE THE PRISONERS OF THE **DEVIL'S GULAG** DEVISE A WAY OUT, INCLUDING **SNIVELY!** WRITTEN BY EARL BOLLERS. ART BY THIS ISSUE'S STEVEN BUTLER WITH INKS BY PAM ELLIOTT. **INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE:** PART TWO OF ST. JOHN'S **"ON HIS MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE"** STORY LINE. NOW THAT HE'S GOT RAW RECRUITS TOGETHER, WHAT ARE THEY SUPPOSED TO DO? WRITTEN AND INKED BY KEN PENDERS WITH PENCILS BY ART MAWHINNEY. **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #62 ON SALE JUNE 1998!**

IN TWO WEEKS: EVERYTHING COMES TO A HEAD AS **THE CHAOTIX** BAND TOGETHER TO TAKE DOWN THE EVIL MACHINATIONS OF ONE **EBONY HARE** AND HIS HENCHMEN! THIS ISSUE ALSO MARKS THE DEPARTURE OF ONE OF THE CHAOTIX! ALSO, WATCH IN AWE AS **KNUCKLES'** POWERS DEVELOP IN AN ALARMING RATE, SPURNING A NEW **GUARDIAN** CONTROVERSY! JOHN KEN PENDERS, MANNY GALAN AND ANDREW PEPOY IN THE CONCLUSION OF **"THE CHAOTIX CAPER!"** **KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #15 ON SALE JUNE 1998!**

IN OTHER SEGA NEWS: ALL YOU NEED TO DO IS WAIT THREE WEEKS TO SEE NIGHTS INTO DREAMS BECOME AN ONGOING SERIES! PICKING UP WHERE THE POPULAR MINI-SERIES LEFT OFF... **NIGHTS** NOW EXISTS IN THE WAKING WORLD. BUT HOW CAN A CREATURE OF DREAMS SURVIVE IN REALITY? THINGS GO FROM BAD TO WORSE AS NIGHTS COMICALLY TAKES HIS BEST TO FIGURE THE WORLD OUT FOR HIMSELF. AND WHAT OF **ELLIOT AND CLARIS?** IF NIGHTS IS IN THE WAKING WORLD, HOW DOES THIS AFFECT THEM IN THEIR DREAMS? FOR CAN BE SURE NIGHTS' NEMESIS, **REALA,** WILL USE THIS TO HIS ADVANTAGE! STORY BY SONIC SCRIBE EARL BOLLERS. ART BY FAN FAVES PATRICK "SPAZ" SPAZIANTE AND IAN MAXWELL WITH INKS BY HARVEY! **NIGHTS INTO DREAMS #4 ON SALE JUNE 1998!**

AND COMING SOON: SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #6: SONIC 50- THE DIRECTOR'S CUT! MORE ON THIS NEXT MONTH!

CATCH YOU ON THE FLIP SIDE!

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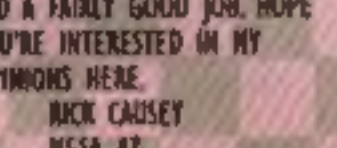
TODAY WE WILL ANSWER LETTERS REFERRING TO SONIC #53 & #54. LET'S GO...

DEAR FREDDY,
HERE'S MY REVIEW OF SONIC #53: THIS FIRST STORY READ AND LOOKED PRETTY GOOD. ESPECIALLY WITH KEN ONLY INKING ART'S WORK. THE SECOND STORY PENCILED BY SAM MAXWELL WAS BY FAR HIS BEST WORK IN SONIC TO DATE. HE'S GETTING BETTER AND A LOT MORE CONSISTANT. AND EXCEPT FOR HIS ACTION PANELS IN PART TWO, HE DID A FAIRLY GOOD JOB. HOPE YOU'RE INTERESTED IN MY OPINIONS HERE.
RICK CAUSEY
MESA, AZ

WE'RE ALWAYS INTERESTED IN WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY. SAM IS CURRENTLY WORKING OVER SPAZ'S BREAKDOWN PENCILS IN NIGHTS #4-6. BELIEVE ME WHEN I SAY THEY LOOK MONDO COOL!

DEAR SONIC-GRAMS,
I'M GLAD SONIC AND KNUCKLES ARE ON GOOD SPEAKING TERMS NOW (#53). I WAS SURPRISED TO FIND OUT THAT ROSIE AND JULAYLA WERE COUSINS. I DON'T THINK SONIC SHOULD TREAT UNCLE CHUCK SO BADLY (#54). FINALLY, I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT SONIC SERIES, ITS SPECIALS, MINI-SERIES AND THE KNUCKLES SERIES ARE SOME OF THE BEST COMICS IN THE WORLD AND HOPE THAT ITS GOING TO BE AROUND FOR [illegible] TO COME.
TSIDRO
"SHADOWSTALKER" RIVERS
[illegible]

AS LONG AS OUR READERS KEEP [illegible] ISSUES BASED ON SONIC & KNUCKLES (AND NOW [illegible]) ADVENTURES, YOUR HOPE WILL BE A REALITY.



HERE ARE SOME MISCELLANIOUS NOTES FROM THE NET...

HEY ARCHIE COMICS,
I READ ISSUE #53, WAY PAST COOL! SO, SONIC ISN'T HIS REAL NAME! WHEN I READ THAT, I COULDN'T BELIEVE IT! I LAUGHED ALL NIGHT! PLEASE TELL SPAZ AND HARVO [illegible] NAUGUS GUY SURE LOOKS FAMILIAR. THAT'S RIGHT, HE WAS IN THE CARTOON.
CARCUDA THE KILLER
velociraptor5@juno.com

YOU ARE CORRECT. TO REITERATE (GOTTA' LOVE THOSE WORDS): FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT WATCHED THE NETWORK ANIMATED SERIES OF 'SONIC THE HEDGEHOG,' YOU WILL RECOGNIZE NAUGUS SINCE HE MADE HIS FIRST APPEARANCE ON THAT SHOW.

DEAR SONIC,
DON'T LET THEM MAKE FUN OF YOUR MIDDLE NAME! I LOOKED IT UP IN MY NAME BOOK AND THIS IS [illegible] MAURICE: "THIS PERSON WANTS TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE FOR ALL TO LIVE. IS ABLE TO RELATE TO OTHERS WITH TOLERANCE AND LOVE, USING NATURAL LEADERSHIP ABILITIES." WELL, IT KIND OF SOUNDS LIKE YOU, I THINK.
LUCY LO
[illegible] boobowski@hotmail.com

THANKS THERE, LUCY LO! ALL THOSE THINGS ARE SONIC WITH A CAPITAL "S"!

DEAR SONIC COMICS,
I JUST RECEIVED SONIC #53. IT WAS GREAT! I CAN ALREADY SEE THAT THERE IS GOING TO BE LOTS OF ACTION AND NEW ENEMIES! NOW SONIC AND KNUCKLES ARE FRIENDS. I THINK THE NEXT FEW ISSUES ARE GOING TO BE PRETTY EXCITING!
NATHAN ADAMS
[illegible]@juno.com

NOW THAT YOU'VE READ THE NEXT FEW ISSUES, HAS IT BEEN AS EXCITING AS YOU THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE?

DEAR SONIC,
CONGRATULATIONS ON A GREAT ISSUE #54! I LOVED THE COVER BY [illegible] NELSON ORTEGA! IT'S ABOUT TIME SOMEONE USED LINE SHADING AND HE DID IT RIGHT. I LIKED HOW THE OTHER ARTIST JOHN HEBERT DREW THE EGGBOTS (THEY APPEAR IN THE SONIC AND KNUCKLES GENESIS GAME). I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR THEM TO SHOW UP IN THE COMIC.
WOLF
GARGOS 911@aol.com

WHAT'S UP, WOLF? I HOPE YOU'RE NOT RELATED TO THAT DRAGO CHARACTER! THANKS FOR THE KUDOS AND I CAN DEFINITELY THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF SPAZ, NELSON AND JOHN.

UNTIL NEXT MONTH, KEEP ON JUICIN'!